

Abstract

The base member 1 is pivotally connected to the lever member 2 by a pin 5 that provides a leverage fulcrum point. The tongue 3 extends from the front end of the base member 1 and is used to wedge under the staple crossbar 11. The teeth 4 extends from the front end of the lever member 2. The user then lifts the lever member 2 into a second position so that the wider top section 8 of teeth 4 lifts the staple 10 from the substrate. The front edges 9 of teeth 4 are curved such that it does not go below the baseline of base member 1, and thus do not interfere with or damage the substrate. The base member 1 presses against substrate providing support and allows the leverage operation to be performed on pliable and flexible substrates such as sheets of paper, and minimizes damage to the substrate.